



Maryland Department  
of the Environment

## FACTS ABOUT: Recycling

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### WICOMICO COUNTY RECYCLING

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#### Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2013, 41.91% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 41.91% waste diversion rate.

#### Residential Program

##### *Curbside*

- ▶ There are no County operated curbside recycling programs.

##### *Drop-off*

- ▶ There are 19 recycling stations (11 staffed), serving all municipalities and County residents, dispersed throughout the County. Materials collected include #1 - #3 plastic narrow-necked bottles, glass, aluminum and steel cans, mixed paper, newspaper, magazines and cardboard.

##### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ Materials are consolidated and some are baled at a processing site at the county landfill.
- ▶ Materials from Somerset and Dorchester Counties are processed at the Wicomico County site.

##### *Municipalities*

- ▶ Delmar, Fruitland, Hebron, Mardela Springs, Pittsville, Salisbury, Sharptown and Willards are served by County drop-offs.
- ▶ Salisbury has a curbside program.

##### *Yard Trimmings*

- ▶ The County has implemented recycling of leaves and brush. There are four drop-off locations. A portable tub grinder is used at each location and the material is consolidated at the landfill. The mulch goes to a composting business and is available for public purchase.



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### *Other Materials*

- ▶ The County collects *oil* and *antifreeze* at all of its transfer stations.
- ▶ *Wood pallets* are accepted only at the landfill location.
- ▶ *White goods* are collected at the landfill for recycling.
- ▶ The County also collects mattresses for recycling at the landfill location.
- ▶ Tires are collected at the landfill location for a fee. \$2.00 for car and light truck tires and \$5.00 for large truck tires, all off rim, 4 permitted per day.

### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ The County will be doing one event yearly.

### *Electronics*

- ▶ The County does have an electronics recycling program located at the landfill location.

## **Commercial Program**

- ▶ Salisbury Scrap Metal, Inc. recycles cardboard, high grade paper, computer paper and aluminum and steel cans.
- ▶ Stone Tech in Salisbury recycles rubble (e.g., concrete, bricks, and blacktop).
- ▶ Giant Food, Inc., in Salisbury, recycles newspaper, cardboard, organics and plastic.
- ▶ Pepsi-Cola recycles plastic, cardboard, and glass.
- ▶ Perdue recycles organic waste, plastic, and cardboard.
- ▶ In addition to the above, 60+ additional businesses are recycling.

## **Public Buildings**

- ▶ The Board of Education has started implementing recycling in all public schools. Currently mixed paper, metals and cardboard are recycled.
- ▶ Salisbury State University recycles high-grade white paper, plastics, glass, aluminum and steel cans, cardboard, white goods, food waste, yard debris and used oil.
- ▶ White paper, mixed paper, newsprint, aluminum cans, and glass bottles are being recycled in County offices.

## **Public Education & Outreach**

- ▶ The County maintains ongoing education programs in cooperation with the Community Environmental Organization (CEO).
- ▶ The Department of Public Works staff gives recycling presentations to local organizations and offer tours of the landfill and recycling facilities.

## **Special Programs**

- ▶ The County accepts plastics, glass, aluminum and steel cans, newspaper, and cardboard from Somerset and Dorchester Counties.
- ▶ The County uses work-release personnel for labor in the recycling program.



## **Disposal**

- ▶ The tipping fee at the Newland Park Landfill is \$0.00/ton for recycling. Residents purchase a yearly permit for household trash or pay the \$60.00 per ton tipping fee (3 cents per pound).



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